

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of November 17, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

In the present paper, independent claim 1 is amended, claims 4-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 26-33 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 26-33 are now pending.

Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1, and Dependent Claims 2-3 and 26-30

Amended independent claim 1 recites the following:

A mobile communication apparatus comprising:
a card controller configured to control a card connected to the mobile communication apparatus, where the card controller reads out a first information from the card;
an interface configured to receive second information from a mobile network; and
a memory, said memory storing a table identifying an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus corresponding to the first and second information, wherein said apparatus is configured to set an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus stored in the table by using the first information and second information.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,815,808 (Valentine). Valentine relates generally to a location-based call screening system, in which each Mobile Switching Center (MSC) may be assigned its own, customized screening list for use when a particular subscriber is located within the MSC's area of coverage. See, e.g., Valentine, col. 5, lines 31-34. "[D]ifferent lists of directory numbers are assigned to different locations within a mobile telecommunications system." Col. 4, lines 57-58. With these multitudes of lists, the Valentine user can custom tailor the type of screening based on the user's current location, so that roaming charges may be minimized, but the natural tradeoff is that Valentine employs more storage capacity at the various MSCs to accommodate their assigned

screening lists. However, Valentine does not teach or suggest the claimed “mobile communication apparatus” having “a memory, said memory storing a table identifying an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus corresponding to the first and second information ...,” as recited in amended independent claim 1. Valentine fails to teach or suggest any such memory in its mobile station.

Furthermore, Valentine does not describe how its various screening lists are created in the first place, how they are modified, and the types of information used to do these tasks. Accordingly, Valentine also fails to teach or suggest the claim 1 mobile communication apparatus, “wherein said apparatus is configured to set an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus stored in the table by using the first information and second information.”

For at least these reasons, applicant submits that amended independent claim 1 distinguishes over Valentine. Furthermore, Valentine was the principal reference relied upon in the Action, and the other secondary references of record (even assuming they are combinable) do not overcome the deficiencies identified above with respect to Valentine. For example, U.S. Patent No. 6,317,594 (Grossman et al.) relates to a PBX-based forwarding and voicemail service, and U.S. Patent No. 6,771,953 (Chow et al.) relates to a system for returning phone calls – neither overcomes the deficiencies identified above with respect to Valentine.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1 distinguishes over the art of record, and is in condition for allowance. Claims 2-3 and 26-30 depend from claim 1, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, and further in view of the various advantageous and novel features recited therein.

Independent Claim 31, and Dependent Claims 32-33

New independent claim 31 recites the following:

A mobile communication apparatus comprising:
a card controller configured to control a card connected to the mobile communication apparatus, where the card controller reads out first information from the card;
an interface configured to receive second information from a mobile network;
a memory, said memory storing a table identifying an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus corresponding to the first and second information, and a time period for permitting the operation.

Applicant submits that claim 31 also distinguishes over the art of record. For example, none of the cited references, alone or in combination (assuming they are combinable at all) teaches or suggests a "mobile communication apparatus" having "a memory, said memory storing a table identifying an operation to be performed by the mobile communication apparatus corresponding to the first and second information, and a time period for permitting the operation," as recited (among other features) in claim 31. As noted above, the principal reference, Valentine, assigns its screening lists to a multitude of MSCs, and does not have such a mobile communication apparatus. Furthermore, since Valentine assigns its screening lists to the MSCs, it likewise does not teach or suggest a mobile communication apparatus having a memory, said memory storing ... a time period for permitting the operation," also recited in claim 31.

For at least these reasons, applicant submits that claim 31 distinguishes over the art of record, and is in condition for allowance. Claims 32-33 depend from claim 31, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 31, and further in view of the various advantageous and novel features recited therein.

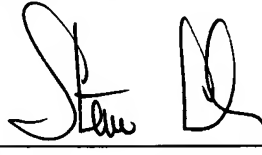
CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if the Examiner believes that further discussion and/or amendment is necessary to

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place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

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